

## Old Hall Cottage

Often said to be the oldest remaining house in the village , its early history is , in fact , unknown , though it did consist of more than the one present dwelling . Mr. Hardcastle 's 1945 note gives an interesting picture of its mid - C20 situation.





(Hardscastle was the owner of the  
Old Wall Estate.)

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As to the cottages, there are no written agreements.

Twenty years ago when I bought Bramham Hall, the cottages now let to Mrs. J. Hall and Mrs. Dorothy Scott were occupied by Mrs. Hannah Fawcett and Thomas Stockdale, pensioners of the late John Lloyd Norton, who paid a nominal rent of £3. and £4. per annum, and J. Scott lived at Fine Carth Cottage and paid by arrangement made apparently in June 1924, between Mrs. Gordon, the wife of my predecessor at Bramham Hall, and Mrs. J. Scott - Scott being away on war service - whereby Mrs. Scott paid 9/6 per month - £5. 13. 6. per year. I continued all these rents and also paid rates and repairs until the deaths in 1935 or '36 of Mrs. Fawcett and J. Stockdale. J. Scott continues to occupy his cottage up to the present time upon the old terms. The Stockdale and Fawcett cottages were vacant for some months during which time they were being reconditioned, and a piped water supply provided, at a cost of about £70. They were then let to Mrs. J. Hall and Mrs. D. Scott at a rent of 8/3 and 9/6 per week respectively. I provide a free supply of water and do all repairs and pay the rates. James Bradshaw pays 8/6 per week for the "Bungalow" with water laid on free. I pay the repairs but the tenant pays the rates.

With regard to the cottage rents, I know nothing about permitted increases. The rents were verbally agreed between me and the tenants. My aim has been to secure respectable occupants and to view regard to the postage of rates and W.C.'s, I have fixed the rents at something very much below those charged for the Council houses of comparable accommodation.

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(Signed) H. H. Hardscastle.